



Regina Coeli Catholic Primary School

'Where there is Love, there is God'

20 December 2024
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Autumn Term



Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all your support this term, the children acted, sang, read and performed so beautifully in all our celebrations and we are very proud of them.

We hope that you get to spend some quality time with family and friends and that the joy that the pupils shared in their celebrations remains in your homes throughout the festive period.

In our final assembly, this morning our Year 6 pupils reminded everyone about staying safe on the internet, it is particularly important at this time of the year as we all have more free time to spend on our tablets and phones.

Please follow this link to our website for more information about keeping safe online.

<https://www.reginacoelischool.co.uk/links>

The staff and leadership team wish you a restful Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Christoforou



Mary had been told by an angel that she was to give birth to a son named Jesus. When she heard that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also going to have a baby, she went as quickly as she could to visit Elizabeth. Mary went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth gave a loud cry and said to Mary, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For as soon as your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed are you for believing the promise made to you by the Lord."

Attendance

School attendance is so important for a child to be Successful.

The school target is 97%

Congratulations to the following classes for the week of 2nd December 2024

1st - St Maria 98.9%

2nd - St Gertrude 98.7%

3rd - St Mark 98.5%

Well done!

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Safeguarding

If your child is not going to be in school it is really important that you call the office on 020 8688 4582

or email the school at office@reginacoelischool.croydon.sch.uk stating the reason before 8.50am on every day of absence.

Thank you

CONGRATULATIONS!

Star Of The Week 20th December 2024

St Anne: **Zuriel, Raif**

St Thomas: **Henry.U, Hanna**

St Rita: **Mia, Nathaniel**

St David: **Clara, Nia**

St Rose: **Kieran, Savannah**

St Mark: **Ariana, Nikita**

St Bridget: **Ocean, Kal**

St Patrick: **Samuel, Jaxon**

St Maria: **Jamila, Tyan**

St Andrew: **Hana, Sofia.M**

St Gertrude: **Logan, Eden**

St Michael: **Nicholas, Magnus**

St Felicity: **Antoni, Luciana**

St Dominic: **Florence, Ibrahim**



Year 5

On Wednesday, Year 5 travelled in to London to see a performance of Odd and the Frost Giants at the Unicorn Theatre. The class have enjoyed reading the book in class and writing their own versions of parts of the story so it was lovely to see it performed on the stage. The children said that the highlights were the scenery and props (including use of puppets), the bubble machine and the singing! We were lucky to be seated right at the front so were fully immersed in the experience - what a wonderful trip!



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Reception and KS1 Nativity Performances



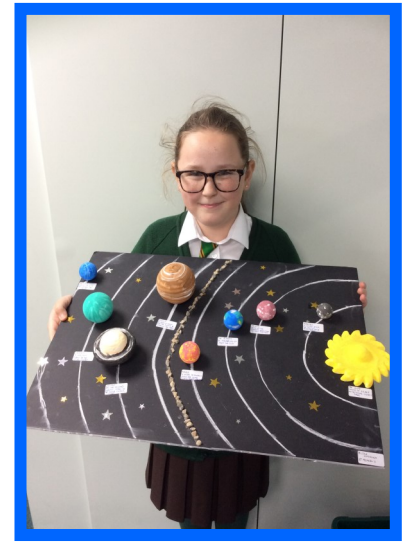
Catholic Children Society Crisis Fund

Thank you for your generosity following all our performances. We raised £870.19 for the Catholic Children Society Crisis Fund.

Thank you



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Our Year 5 pupils have put tremendous effort into creating stunning models of the solar system as part of their science homework.

Our pupils contributed their creativity and hard work, resulting in an impressive array of designs that showcase their understanding and imagination.

While the pictures shared here represent just a small selection of the outstanding models made, we are incredibly proud of their dedication.


These fantastic creations will be on display in the school for everyone to admire—be sure to stop by and take a closer look at their brilliant work!





A very big thank you to Mrs Spain and the PAF for organising our Christmas Fayre last week. It was so good to see so many of our community coming together and having fun– even if it was a little chilly outside! The funds raised will go towards new resources in the classrooms and we will post some pictures in the new year.

Christmas Jumper Day
Thank you for your generosity we raised £280 last Thursday for Save the Children charity.
Thank you



Save the Children




Kingston and Richmond
NHS Foundation Trust

December 2024:

Dear Parent / Guardian

Community Flu Clinic in Croydon for those in school year groups Reception – Year 11
Wednesday 8th January 2025
Croydon Airport House, Purley Way Croydon CR0 0XZ 15:30 – 17:15
Walk in clinic no booking needed
PLEASE NOTE WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO OFFER THE NASAL FLU VACCINE AT THIS CLINIC

Further information is available by visiting the following websites: www.hrch.nhs.uk/immunisation or www.nhs.uk/vaccinations where you can also find information on the virus, the disease and the vaccine, as well as links to other useful websites.

Thankyou
Immunisation Team
Tel: 0203 903 3360.
Email: hrchcroydonimms@nhs.net

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games.

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'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like systemrequirementslab.com can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers; they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnight rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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